

4-H News & Upcoming Events

- ◆ October — weekly Cotton Boll/Consumer Judging practices.
- ◆ October 12th—Lumpkin Area Livestock Association meeting.
- ◆ October 16th and 17th— 4-H Annual Gold Rush parking around courthouse major fundraiser event.
- ◆ October 31st - Halloween Night .



Get ready it's almost Halloween.



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September Highlights 2010



4-H Forestry Judging

Amanda Holbrook, Haley Grizzle, Hannah Grizzle and Briana Vollbeer competed at this year's Forestry Judging held in Lumpkin County at the Camp Wahsega. These students practiced several weeks before the competition studying tree identification, estimation of tree measurements, compass and pacing, forest insect and disease identification.



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- ◆ Twenty-six in-school meetings began in earnest this month. Meetings were held in 5th and 6th grade classrooms. Fifth grade students enrolled as 4-H members, learned about 4-H history and upcoming events. Sixth grade students learned about the formation of Appalachian Mountains.
- ◆ Eight high school students participated in the biennial Georgia Youth Summit held at Rock Eagle. More than 700 delegates from across the state engaged in learning about issues facing young people. Speaker presentations and focus were on education, safety, health and economic development. High school counselor Mary Smith served as a group leader for the weekend conference. The group developed an action plan that they plan to implement in the county. The local group received funding from the Governor's Rural Development Council and Lumpkin County Family Connection.
- ◆ Pumpkin growers were announced. Juliet Banks turned in the biggest pumpkin weighing in at 16 pounds. Katie Crowel had the second largest pumpkin with a weight of 10 pounds. Each winner receives a monetary prize. This annual event is sponsored by the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association.
- ◆ Lumpkin County members competed at the Northeast District Forestry Judging contest at Wahsega 4-H Center. There were 143 students from 11 counties involved. Those representing Lumpkin County were: Senior: Amanda Holbrook Juniors: Hannah Grizzle, Haley Grizzle and Briana Vollbeer. Forestry Judging tests 4-H'ers knowledge on tree and insect identification, measuring tree volume and orienteering.
- ◆ Ian participated in a quarterly district meeting on 4-H issues.
- ◆ 7th and 8th grade members gathered together to discuss upcoming events and their involvement. They will be helping with the upcoming 5K race sponsored by NOA shelter.
- ◆ Ian served as co-chair for the monthly Family Connection collaborative meeting.
- ◆ District 4-H Program Development Coordinator Al Parker paid visit to the office.
- ◆ Ian worked with the planning committee to formalize a Financial Literacy training to be held in October. Hosted by the Financial Planning Association of Georgia, the Lumpkin County Extension Service and Lumpkin County Family Connection, the training will involve community leaders in a daylong session teaching a "Money Smart" curriculum that can be offered through numerous agencies.



Agriculture & Natural Resources Greg Sheppard County Extension Coordinator



- ◆ Conducted a training session for county employees that are required to apply pesticides as part of their regular duties. Participating employees were certified under the Georgia Competent Applicator of Pesticides Program.
- ◆ Participated in the annual meeting of the Lumpkin County Farm Bureau.
- ◆ Hosted a meeting of the board of directors for the Georgia Mountains Master Gardener Association. The group made plans for upcoming programs and discussed volunteer service opportunities.
- ◆ Served as the agent coordinator for the Northeast District 4-H Forestry Field Day competition at Camp Wahsega. There were 143 contestants from 11 counties at the event this year. Greg collected samples and set up the forest insect & disease identification portion of the contest. This year due to the illness of a UGA Forestry Specialist, Greg was also responsible for the set up of the compass and pacing segments and along with Hart County, CEC Charles Rice, the tree volume estimation portion of the contest.
- ◆ Met with laboratory technicians and a graduate student assistant for Dr. Leonardo DeLa Fuente of Auburn to collect research specimens. Dr. DeLa Fuente is studying Pierce's Disease, the most serious disease of grapes in our area.
- ◆ Helped facilitate the September meeting of the Lumpkin Area Livestock Association. Ted Dyer, UGA Animal Scientist was the program speaker.
- ◆ Attended a Northeast District meeting of the Georgia Association of Agricultural Agents. Greg was recognized at the meeting for his 32 years of service.
- ◆ Conducted farm and home troubleshooting visits throughout the month as requested.
- ◆ Greg retired from the University of Georgia at the end of September. He will continue to fill in as county agent for agricultural and natural resources programs on a part-time basis for the next year.

